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AIR DISTRICT OFFERS EMISSION REDUCTION GRANTS **\$900,000 Available to Cut Vehicle Pollution in the High Desert**

Victorville -- The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) is now accepting proposals for projects aimed at reducing pollution from motor vehicles, District officials announced today.

Approximately \$900,000 in grant monies is available to fund eligible projects which reduce emissions from mobile sources in the High Desert. Such projects may include those which reduce vehicle trips or vehicle miles traveled by encouraging the use of alternative modes of travel, such as public transit or bicycling. Alternate fuel vehicle projects are also eligible for funding under the program.

The MDAQMD's grant program is funded through motor vehicle registration fees, which the local air agency uses to support programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles, as required by state law.

All proposals will be competitively evaluated based on their capacity to reduce vehicle emissions within the MDAQMD. Proposals must be submitted to the MDAQMD by 4:00PM on October 16, 2002. To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal, contact the MDAQMD at (760) 245-1661, ext. 5706.